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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 8, 2002, the following amendments
and remarks are provided:

AmendmentsIn the Claims

Please cancel claims 10-12, 14-16, and 27-28 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 17, and 29 to read as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method of conducting an economic transaction associated
with rental of a vehicle over a period of time, the method comprising:

- (a) tracking the location of the vehicle during at least a portion of the
period of time associated with the rental, including detecting that the vehicle is
located at a location having an increased level of risk; and
- (b) adjusting a cost associated with the economic transaction associated
with the rental at least in part based on the location of the vehicle at the location
having the increased level of risk.